

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ELLA FITZGERALD AND COUNT BASIE WERE IMPORTANT LEADERS IN JAZZ MUSIC. IN 1959, THEY WERE AMONG THE FIRST BLACK MUSICIANS TO WIN GRAMMY AWARDS, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE OFTEN NOT ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE SAME HOTELS WHERE THEY PERFORMED BECAUSE OF SEGREGATION. THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS HELPED PROVE THAT BLACK MUSICIANS DESERVED EQUAL RECOGNITION AND RESPECT FOR THEIR TALENT.

